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**PEPTIDE OR PROTEIN MICROASSAY
METHOD AND APPARATUS**

Serial No. 10/036,066 :

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
UNDER MPEP § 708.02, VIII**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by an Examiner, special.

All of the claims in this case are directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then Applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

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Applicant's attorney, Barbara E. Johnson, completed a patentability search, upon which this Petition to Make Special is based, as reported in her opinion letter dated June 8, 2001. The June 8, 2001 patentability opinion letter is incorporated into this Petition by reference with selected attachments that appear therewith. This opinion identifies the scope of the search as well as the most closely related prior art references.

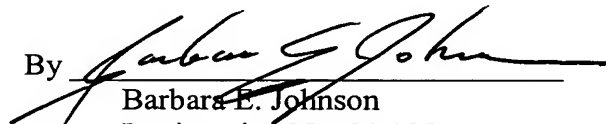
Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with an accompanying Form PTO-1449 and the references cited thereon.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith to cover the Petition fee. However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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